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NATIVE AMERICAN ART EXHIBIT FEATURES
WORK OF KING KUKA THROUGH JULY 11

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MISSOULA--

An art exhibit featuring the works of King Kuka, an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe of Montana, is being presented through July 11 in the University Center Gallery at the University of Montana.

Kuka, who has also won numerous awards for his poetry and short stories, says that he tries to concentrate on "the neglected things of Indian life, the human aspect, everyday tasks, religion and other things in which interest has faded." He says that his work is in contrast to the stereotype paintings of the Indian that feature "mounted warriors chasing buffalo or the fierce rider of the plains whooping across the land on his pinto pony."

Kuka has studied at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Sante Fe, N.M., and at UM, where he received a bachelor of fine arts degree in 1973. He has exhibited his paintings in numerous art centers and museums across the country, including the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., and the Riverside Museum in New York. Kuka is currently a high school art teacher in Browning.

The University Center Gallery is open to the general public without charge from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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